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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 19, 2002 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 19, 2002. Please consider the above-identified patent application in view of the amendments and remarks presented hereinafter. The amendments to the claims are intended to place the claims in better for condition for consideration on appeal or to place them in condition for allowance.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following amended claims for pending claims having the same numbers and cancel Claims 9 and 30.

1. (Twice Amended) A method for providing a reference to a first service to a second service in a computer system comprising:
- enabling definition of a service connector interface in conjunction with said first service;
 - subsequently invoking said service connector interface in conjunction with said second service, wherein said subsequently invoking includes instantiating said service connector interface at said second service; and